

(c) In view of (a) above, does not arise.

(d) The Drug Policy, as amended from time to time, is directed towards ensuring abundant availability of quality drugs at reasonable prices.

Fertilizer exporting countries

†3841. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

DR. D. MASTHAN:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have identified the chemical fertilizers exporting countries of the world;

(b) if so, which are those countries and which chemical fertilizers are being produced there;

(c) the cost of production of each of such fertilizers there; and

(d) whether the above cost of production is lower as compared to the average cost of production in India?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA): (a) and (b) Urea, DAP and MOP are the three main chemical fertilizers which are being produced and exported by several countries around the world. A list of major producing and exporting countries of these fertilizers is given in the table below:

Fertilizer	Fertilizer exporting countries
Urea	Belarus, Russian Federation, Ukraine, Canada, USA, Abu Dhabi, Bahrain, Kuwait, Libya, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Bangladesh, Indonesia, Malaysia, Poland, Romania and Bulgaria.

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Fertilizer	Fertilizer exporting countries
DAP	USA, Mexico, Russian Federation, Morocco, Tunisia, Jordan, Saudi Arabia and South Africa.
MOP	Germany, Canada, Belarus, Russian Federation, Israel and Jordan.

(c) and (d) While the details of cost of production of the chemical fertilizers by the exporting countries are not generally published in international journals because of commercial interests, import prices (FOB) of Urea, Di-Ammonium Phosphate (DAP) and Muriate of Potash (MOP) are regularly published in Fertilizer Marketing Bulletin (FMB) and other weekly bulletins. However, the delivered prices of imported Urea and DAP have been generally lower as compared to domestically produced Urea and DAP. The MOP is entirely imported, as there are no commercially exploitable reserves of this fertilizer in the country.

Fertilizer Subsidy for Farmers

*3842. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned, "Farmers receive just half of fertilizers subsidy", published in "The Indian Express" dated the 10th April, 2000;

(b) if so, the facts thereof; and

(c) the reaction of Government thereto and the action taken so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The news-item which refers to a study by an economist, has concluded that the gains from subsidy on urea are shared by the farmers and

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